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SUBJECT: EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE: REQUEST FOR FACILITATIVE
ASSISTANCE FOR MEMBERS OF YOUTH WING OF BELGIAN SOCIAL
CHRISTIAN PARTY

1. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT'S FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE ON
BEHALF OF GROUP OF 5 TO 10 LEADING NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF
SOCIAL CHRISTIAN PARTY (PSC) YOUTH WING, WHICH INCLUDES PARTY
MEMBERS UNDER AGE 35.

2. GROUP PLANS TO VISIT US JULY 10-15, 1976 AT TIME OF
DEMOCRATIC NOMINATING CONVENTION, DIVIDING TIME BETWEEN NEW
YORK AND WASHINGTON, D.C. WISHES TO ATTEND AT LEAST ONE CON-
VENTION MEETING, MEET WITH DEMOCRATIC PERSONALITIES AND YOUTH
LEADERS, AND VISIT DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN HEAD-
QUARTERS IN NEW YORK AND/OR WASHINGTON. WHILE IN WASHINGTON,
WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPECIALISTS AND SOME
PROMINENT PERSONALITIES IN US POLITICAL LIFE.

3. EXACT TIME OF ARRIVAL WILL BE COMMUNICATED ASAP.

4. PSC IS FRANCOPHONE BRANCH OF BELGIUM'S MOST POWERFUL
POLITICAL PARTY. PROPOSED VISIT PRESENTS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO
GIVE INSIGHT INTO US POLITICAL PROCESS TO REPRESENTATIVES
OF ONE OF OUR HIGHEST PRIORITY AUDIENCES WITH ONLY SMALL
EXPENDITURE USG RESOURCES. FIRESTONE

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